

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT

The amendments submitted 7/26/10 have been entered.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alfred Froebrich on 8/4/10.

The application is amended as follows:

Claim 1 line 10 recited "the reflector, and" and is amended to recite:

--the reflector, and a transparent cover element associated with the reflector and closing the reflector opening, --.

Claim 1 line 11 recites: "functional element engages and extends around the edge" and is amended to recite:

-- functional element is at least one voltage supply line that contacts the cover element and engages and extends around an edge of the cover element and the edge --.

Claim 3 lines 1-2 recites "the LED has at least one associated voltage supply line, which" and is amended to recite:

-- the at least one voltage supply line is provided for the LED and--.

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Claim 4 lines 1-2 recites "wherein two voltage supply lines are" and is amended to recite:

--wherein the at least one functional element includes two voltage supply lines--.

Claim 5 lines 1-3 recite: "wherein three voltage supply lines for the LED are provided," and is amended to recite:

--wherein the at least one functional element includes three voltage supply lines provided for the LED,--.

Claim 6 lines 1-2 recite: "wherein three voltage supply lines for" and is amended to recite:

--wherein the at least one functional element includes three voltage supply lines provided for--.

Claim 7 line 2 recites: "line is provided which engages" and is amended to recite:

--line engages--.

Claim 8 is canceled.

Claims 9-11 line 1, respectively, recite: "as claimed in claim 8" and are amended to recite: --as claimed in claim 1--.

Claim 11 line 2 recites: "line is provided which engages" and is amended to recite:

--line engages--.

Allowance

Claims 1-7 and 9-27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest fails to show or fairly suggest in combination a lamp with a base, a curved rotationally symmetrical reflector, an LED light source arranged at the focal point of the reflector, a cover closing the reflector opening, a functional element arranged on the side of the light exit plane away from the reflector, wherein the functional element is *a voltage supply line that contacts the cover element and engages and extends around an edge of the cover element and the edge of the reflector opening.*

Closest Prior Art

Zhang (2002/013025) teaches a lamp comprising at least one base 12/15 for connection to a luminaire, having a curved, essentially rotationally symmetrical reflector 10, 11, a light source 20 being arranged in the focal point or focal point region of said reflector for the purpose of producing a directional, light distribution of the lamp, the reflector having a reflector opening which provides a light exit plane (E) of the lamp (see figure 2), and the light source being arranged spaced apart from the inside of the reflector, and wherein at least one functional element 311, 312 of the lamp at least partially extends essentially along the light exit plane or is arranged at least partially on that side of the light exit plane which faces away from the reflector and wherein the functional element engages at an edge of the curved reflector (10 and 11 are integral – see figures 2 and 3) outside

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of the reflector opening (curved portion) (see figure 2) [0025-0037], but Zhang lacks the teaching of the source being formed by at least one LED (in this particular embodiment) or a cover, and the *voltage supply line contacting the cover element and engaging and extending around an edge of the cover element and the edge of the reflector opening.*

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JULIE A. SHALLENBERGER whose telephone number is (571)272-7131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 830-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon-Suk (James) Lee can be reached on 571-272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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